

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE INVESTIGATION OF

DOUGLAS A. SALLIS, M.D.,

Licensee

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER ON SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

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An informal settlement conference was conducted in the above-captioned matter before an informal settlement conference committee of the Medical Examining Board on April 27, 1992. The purpose of the conference was to provide interested parties with an opportunity to discuss allegations received pertaining to the practice of Dr. Sallis as a physician, and to attempt to reach a fair and consensual resolution of the matter.

The committee consisted of James L. Esswein, M.D., and W.R. Schwartz, M.D. Dr. Sallis appeared in person and by Attorney Russell R. Falkenberg. Others present included Wayne Austin, the board's legal counsel, and Pamela M. Stach, attorney for the Department of Regulation & Licensing, Division of Enforcement.

The parties orally presented their respective positions regarding the matter to the committee, and the committee deliberated on a possible disposition of the matter. The committee thereafter presented a proposed Stipulation for Dr. Sallis'

consideration, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Stipulation was ultimately executed by Dr. Sallis, Mr. Falkenberg, Ms. Stach and Dr. Clark O. Olsen, board Secretary.

Based upon the proceedings at the conference, and upon the Stipulation of the parties, the board enters the following order.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that based on the findings and conclusions in this case, as set forth in the Stipulation of the parties hereto, Dr. Sallis shall, within 12 months of the date hereof, complete 15 credits of continuing medical education approved by the board or its agent on the subject of risk management.

Dated this 25 day of Aug, 1993.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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by Clark O. Olsen
Clark O. Olsen, M.D.
Secretary

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STIPULATION

Douglas A. Sallis, M.D. (Dr. Sallis), and the Medical Examining Board (board), having reached agreement on disposition of the informal complaint identified as 90 Med 468, agree and stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation shall be made a part of a Memorandum and Order on Settlement Conference to be issued by the board, and all terms of the Stipulation shall be binding on Dr. Sallis as a part of the board's order.

2. This Stipulation and the board's order shall be placed in Dr. Sallis' permanent file, and may be used if there are further complaints against him.

3. Dr. Sallis is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin by license #13156, issued on September 30, 1958, and he practices at LaSalle Medical Services, 130 East 10th Avenue, Stanley, WI 54768

4. On March 3, 1998, Patient V.L., age 76, was admitted to Victory Memorial Hospital in Stanley Wisconsin, complaining of weakness and vomiting since approximately 6:00 p.m. on March 2. Dr. Sallis examined the patient and ordered lab tests.

5. The results of the electrolyte panel completed on March 3 reflected a serum sodium level of 113 mEq. per liter, indicating severe hyponatremia. The lab technician had circled the notation "X2" on the report indicating that the sodium test had been performed twice. Dr. Sallis nonetheless failed to note the low serum sodium level, due in part to failure of Patient V.L. upon admission to exhibit the clinical signs of low serum sodium such as lethargy and mental confusion.

6. During the night of March 3 and 4, Patient V.L. fell out of bed and bruised her face and head. Skull x-rays and A CAT scan were performed and were reported as

normal, but Dr. Sallis considers the fall to be possibly significant in terms of the patient's ultimate outcome.

7. On March 4, Patient V.L. manifested severe neurological problems, including convulsions and vomiting, and was unable to respond to verbal stimuli. She now suffers from long-term neurological deficits.

8. The parties agree that Dr. Sallis' conduct in this matter constitutes a violation of Wis. Adm. Code sec. Med 10.02(2)(h).

9. In resolution of this matter, the parties agree that Dr. Sallis shall, within 12 months of the date of the board's order adopting this Stipulation, complete 15 credits of continuing medical education approved by the board or its agent on the subject of risk management.

Dated this 14 day of ^{June}~~May~~, 1993.

Douglas A. Sallis, M.D.
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Dated this 22nd day of ^{June}~~May~~, 1993.

Russell R. Falkenberg
Russell R. Falkenberg, Attorney for Dr. Sallis

Dated this 2 day of May, 1993.

Pamela M. Stach, Attorney, Division of Enforcement

Dated this 25 day of ^{May}~~May~~, 1993.

Clark O. Olsen
Clark O. Olsen, M.D., Secretary

